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Art Unit: 2744 : **Serial No.:** 10/714,151
Fax: 703-872-9306 : **Applicant:** Ziqiang Hu
From: Thomas M. Fisher : **Atty. Dkt. No.:** 9D-HR-20193 DIV

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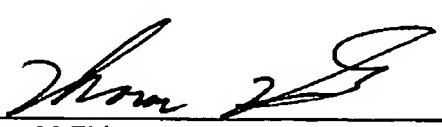
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(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) _____ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
 (Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
<u>X</u> first month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
_____ second month	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00
_____ Third month	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 510.00
_____ Fourth month	\$1,590.00	\$ 795.00
_____ fifth month	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00

Fee: \$120.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

_____ An extension of _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$_____

OR

- (b) _____ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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TOTAL		MINUS		=	x \$9 = \$		x \$18 = \$
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2004, and made final, Applicant respectfully requests consideration and entry of the following amendment.